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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7, as amended, remain herein. Claim 3 is canceled.

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) over Watabe.

Claims 1 and 4 recite, *inter alia*, "a protective film on the dielectric glass layer, the

protective film comprising magnesium oxide (MgO) and an additional oxide, said additional

oxide comprising an element with an electronegativity of 1.4 or higher and having a negative

charge including at least one of germanium oxide (GeO₂), tin oxide (SnO₂), boron oxide (B₂O₃),

silicon oxide (SiO₂) and lead oxide (PbO)." Watabe fails to disclose or suggest the quoted

elements of claims 1 and 4.

Further, with respect to claims 6 and 7, Watabe fails to disclose or suggest the

orthogonally positioned electrodes.

For all the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in Watabe of all elements

of applicants' presently claimed invention. Accordingly, Watabe is not a proper basis for a

rejection of applicants' claim under § 102. Nor is there any disclosure in Watabe that would

have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Reconsideration

and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

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This application is now fully in condition for allowance. The PTO is hereby authorized

to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order

No. 28951.2186). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition

for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed

below.

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